

| <b>United States Bankruptcy Court<br/>Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division</b>  |   |  |  |  |                          | <b>Voluntary Petition</b>                   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
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| Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle):<br><b>Cruz, Ramon E.</b>  |   |  |  | Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):<br><b>Cruz, Cynthia M.</b>  |                          |   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years<br>(include married, maiden, and trade names):<br><b>None</b>   |   |  |  | All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years<br>(include married, maiden, and trade names):<br><b>None</b>   |                          |   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Last four digits of Soc.Sec.No./Complete EIN or other Tax ID No. (if more than one, state all): <b>6450</b>  |   |  |  | Last four digits of Soc.Sec.No./Complete EIN or other Tax ID No. (if more than one, state all): <b>2861</b>  |                          |   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Street Address of Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State)<br><b>615 Aborn Avenue<br/>Elgin, IL</b>  |   |  |  | Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. and Street, City, and State)<br><b>615 Aborn Avenue<br/>Elgin, IL</b>  |                          |   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| ZIPCODE<br><b>60124</b>  |   |  |  | ZIPCODE<br><b>60124</b>  |                          |   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:<br><b>Kane</b>  |   |  |  | County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:<br><b>Kane</b>  |                          |   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address):  |   |  |  | Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):  |                          |   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
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| Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):  |   |  |  |  |                          | ZIPCODE                                     |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>Type of Debtor</b><br>(Form of Organization)<br>(Check <b>one</b> box)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors)<br><i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (if debtor is not one of the above entities,<br>check this box and state type of entity below)<br><br>_____  |   | <b>Nature of Business</b><br>(Check <b>one</b> box)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business<br><input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in<br>11 U.S.C. § 101 (51B)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Railroad<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker<br><input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><br>_____<br><b>Tax-Exempt Entity</b><br>(Check box, if applicable)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a tax-exempt organization<br>under Title 26 of the United States<br>Code (the Internal Revenue Code) |  | <b>Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which<br/>the Petition is Filed</b> (Check one box)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for<br>Recognition of a Foreign<br>Main Proceeding<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for<br>Recognition of a Foreign<br>Nonmain Proceeding<br><br><b>Nature of Debts</b><br>(Check one box)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer<br>debts, defined in 11 U.S.C.<br>§ 101(8) as "incurred by an<br>individual primarily for a<br>personal, family, or household<br>purpose."<br><input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily<br>business debts |                          |   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>Filing Fee</b> (Check one box)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only) Must attach<br>signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable<br>to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form No. 3A.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must<br>attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.   |   |  |  | <b>Check one box: Chapter 11 Debtors</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D)<br><b>Check if:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts<br>owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,190,000<br><b>Check all applicable boxes</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one of<br>more classes, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).  |                          |   |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>Statistical/Administrative Information</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative<br>expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.  |   |  |  |  |                          | <b>THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY</b>     |   |   |  |  |                          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>Estimated Number of Creditors</b><br><table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="text-align: center;">1-<br/>49</td><td style="text-align: center;">50-<br/>99</td><td style="text-align: center;">100-<br/>199</td><td style="text-align: center;">200-<br/>999</td><td style="text-align: center;">1000-<br/>5000</td><td style="text-align: center;">5,001-<br/>10,000</td><td style="text-align: center;">10,001-<br/>25,000</td><td style="text-align: center;">25,001-<br/>50,000</td><td style="text-align: center;">50,001-<br/>100,000</td><td style="text-align: center;">OVER<br/>100,000</td></tr><tr><td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td></tr></table> |   |  |  |  |                          |   |   | 1-<br>49  | 50-<br>99  | 100-<br>199                                      | 200-<br>999              | 1000-<br>5000 | 5,001-<br>10,000 | 10,001-<br>25,000 | 25,001-<br>50,000 | 50,001-<br>100,000 | OVER<br>100,000 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1-<br>49   | 50-<br>99   | 100-<br>199  | 200-<br>999  | 1000-<br>5000  | 5,001-<br>10,000         |   |   | 10,001-<br>25,000   | 25,001-<br>50,000  | 50,001-<br>100,000                               | OVER<br>100,000          |               |                  |                   |                   |                    |                 |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
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| <b>Voluntary Petition</b><br><i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>   |               | <b>Document Page 2 of 12</b><br>Name of Debtor(s):<br><b>Ramon E. Cruz &amp; Cynthia M. Cruz</b>  |  |
| <b>All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years</b> (If more than two, attach additional sheet)   |               |   |  |
| Location Where Filed: <b>NONE</b>   | Case Number:  | Date Filed:   |  |
| Location Where Filed: <b>N.A.</b>   | Case Number:  | Date Filed:   |  |
| <b>Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor</b> (If more than one, attach additional sheet)   |               |   |  |
| Name of Debtor: <b>NONE</b>   | Case Number:  | Date Filed:   |  |
| District:   | Relationship: | Judge:  |  |
| <b>Exhibit A</b><br><br>(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.   |               | <b>Exhibit B</b><br><br>(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts)<br><br>I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.<br><br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>/s/ Richard T. Jones</u><br/>                         Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)                     </div> <div> <u>October 23, 2007</u><br/>                         Date                     </div> </div> |  |
| <b>Exhibit C</b><br>Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |               |   |  |
| <b>Exhibit D</b><br>(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.<br>If this is a joint petition:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.   |               |   |  |
| <b>Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue</b><br>(Check any applicable box)<br><div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.                 </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.                 </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.                 </div>   |               |   |  |
| <b>Statement by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property</b><br>(Check all applicable boxes)<br><div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord has a judgment for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)<br/><br/> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">                         _____<br/>                         (Name of landlord or lessor that obtained judgment)                     </div> <div style="text-align: center;">                         _____<br/>                         (Address of landlord or lessor)                     </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor claims that under applicable non bankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and                 </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.                 </div> |               |   |  |

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| <b>Document</b><br>Page 3 of 12   |  |
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| <b>Signatures</b>   |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)</b></p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.<br/>         [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.<br/>         [If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.</p> <p>I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.</p> <p><b>X</b> <u>/s/ Ramon E. Cruz</u><br/>         Signature of Debtor</p> <p><b>X</b> <u>/s/ Cynthia M. Cruz</u><br/>         Signature of Joint Debtor</p> <p>_____<br/>         Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)</p> <p><u>October 23, 2007</u><br/>         Date</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of a Foreign Representative of a Recognized Foreign Proceedings</b></p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign main proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.</p> <p>(Check only <b>one</b> box.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by § 1515 of title 11 are attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pursuant to § 1511 of title 11 United States Code, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.</p> <p><b>X</b> _____<br/>         (Signature of Foreign Representative)</p> <p>_____<br/>         (Printed Name of Foreign Representative)</p> <p>_____<br/>         (Date)</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of Attorney</b></p> <p><b>X</b> <u>/s/ Richard T. Jones</u><br/>         Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)<br/> <b>RICHARD T. JONES 6184629</b><br/>         Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)</p> <p><u>Jones &amp; Hart Law Firm</u><br/>         Firm Name<br/> <u>138 Cass Street</u><br/>         Address<br/> <u>Post Office Box 1693 Woodstock, Illinois 60098</u><br/> <u>(815) 334-8220</u><br/>         Telephone Number<br/> <u>October 23, 2007</u><br/>         Date</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer</b></p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that: 1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110, 2) I prepared this document for compensation, and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. § 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, 3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110 setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19B is attached.</p> <p>_____<br/>         Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer</p> <p>_____<br/>         Social Security Number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)</p> <p>_____<br/>         Address</p> <p><b>X</b> _____<br/>         Date</p> <p>Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.</p> <p>Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:</p> <p>If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.</p> <p><i>A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)</b></p> <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.</p> <p>The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.</p> <p><b>X</b> _____<br/>         Signature of Authorized Individual</p> <p>_____<br/>         Printed Name of Authorized Individual</p> <p>_____<br/>         Title of Authorized Individual</p> <p>_____<br/>         Date</p>  |  |

Official Form 1, Exhibit D (10/06)

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division**

In re Ramon E. Cruz & Cynthia M. Cruz  
Debtor(s)

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(if known)

**EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT**

**Warning:** You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

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☒ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

☐ 2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 15 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

**Official Form 1, Exh. D (10/06) – Cont.**

☐ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the five days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]**[Summarize exigent circumstances here.]* \_\_\_\_\_

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**If the court is satisfied with the reasons stated in your motion, it will send you an order approving your request. You must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy case and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the briefing, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. A motion for extension must be filed within the 30-day period. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. If the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing, your case may be dismissed.**

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.]* *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

**I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.**

Signature of Debtor: /s/ Ramon E. Cruz  
RAMON E. CRUZ

Date: October 23, 2007

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☒ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

☐ 2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 15 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

**Official Form 1, Exh. D (10/06) – Cont.**

☐ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the five days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]* *[Summarize exigent circumstances here.]* \_\_\_\_\_

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**If the court is satisfied with the reasons stated in your motion, it will send you an order approving your request. You must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy case and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the briefing, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. A motion for extension must be filed within the 30-day period. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. If the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing, your case may be dismissed.**

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.]* *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

**I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.**

Signature of Joint Debtor: /s/ Cynthia M. Cruz

CYNTHIA M. CRUZ

Date: October 23, 2007

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

**NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER DEBTOR UNDER § 342(b)  
OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case. You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

**1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies**

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days before the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses.

**2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors**

**Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total fee \$299)**

1. Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.

2. Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.

3. The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.

4. Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

**Chapter 13: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$274)**

1. Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.



2. Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.

3. After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

**Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1000 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$1039)**

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

**Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$239)**

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

**3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials**

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

**WARNING:** Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

**Certificate of [Non-Attorney] Bankruptcy Petition Preparer**

I, the [non-attorney] bankruptcy petition preparer signing the debtor's petition, hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor this notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer  
Address:

X  
Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer,  
principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social  
Security number is provided above.

Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition  
preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security  
number of the officer, principal, responsible person, or partner of  
the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required  
by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

**Certificate of the Debtor**

I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and read this notice.

Ramon E. Cruz & Cynthia M. Cruz  
Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)

Case No. (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

X/s/ Ramon E. Cruz                      October 23, 2007  
Signature of Debtor                      Date

X/s/ Cynthia M. Cruz                      October 23, 2007  
Signature of Joint Debtor (if any)                      Date

CB USA Sears  
Post Office Box 6189  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117

Citgo  
Post Office Box 9095  
Des Moines, IA 50368-9095

Citi  
Box 6000  
The Lakes, NV 89163-6000

Citi  
c/o National Financial Systems  
600 W. John Street, Box 9041  
Hicksville, NY 11802-9041

Countrywide Home Loans  
Attn: Bankruptcy Dept.  
Post Office Box 5170  
Simi Valley, CA 93062-5170

Firestone  
Credit First  
Post Office Box 81344  
Cleveland, Ohio 44188-0344

Great Lakes  
Post Office Box 3059  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-3059

HFC  
Post Office Box 10266  
Virginia Beach, VA 23450

HSBC Bank USA  
Post Office Box 98706  
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8706

HSBC Bank USA  
Retail Service  
Post Office Box 17264  
Baltimore, MD 21297-1264

HSBC Mortgage Service  
Post Office Box 17580  
Baltimore, MD 21297-1580

J. C. Penney  
c/o Meyer & Njus  
200 South Sixth Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

J. C. Penney  
Post Office Box 533  
Dallas, Texas 75221-0533

Kane County Collector  
719 Batavia  
Geneva, IL 60134

Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp.  
Attention: Bankruptcy  
Post Office Box 660366  
Irving, Texas 75063-2438

Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp.  
c/o Law Offices of John F. Torres  
4336 Saratoga Avenue, #201  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Washington Mutual Card Serv.  
c/o IC Systems, Inc.  
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Post Office Box 9016  
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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division**

In re Ramon E. Cruz & Cynthia M. Cruz ,  
Debtor

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 13

**VERIFICATION OF LIST OF CREDITORS**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the attached List of Creditors which consists of 1 page, is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date October 23, 2007

Signature  
of Debtor

/s/ Ramon E. Cruz

RAMON E. CRUZ

Date October 23, 2007

Signature  
of Joint Debtor

/s/ Cynthia M. Cruz

CYNTHIA M. CRUZ

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United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

In re Ramon E. Cruz & Cynthia M. Cruz

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 13

Debtor(s)

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept ..... \$ 3,500.00

Prior to the filing of this statement I have received ..... \$ 500.00

Balance Due ..... \$ 3,000.00

2. The source of compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify)

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify)

4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a other person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation, is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statements of affairs and plan which may be required;
- c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d. Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters;

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following services:

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in the bankruptcy proceeding.

October 23, 2007

*Date*

/s/ Richard T. Jones

*Signature of Attorney*

Jones & Hart Law Firm

*Name of law firm*